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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KUWAIT PETROLEUM STATISTICS

1. KUWAIT OIL COMPANY OFFICIAL TELEPHONED TO INFORM EMBASSY KOC WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE PROVIDE MONTHLY PRODUCTION, EXPORT AND REFINING STATISTICS. THIS HAS BEEN DONE REGULARLY FOR YEARS WITH REPORTS ADDRESSED TO AMERICAN AMBASSADOR. REPORTS HAD BEEN SENT FROM KOC IN LONDON.

2. KOC OFFICIAL EXPLAINED COMPANY WOULD FIND ITSELF IN AKWARD POSITION ONCE GOK BECAME AN OWNER IF IT WAS KNOWN THAT IT REGULARLY PROVIDED US AND OTHER EMBASSIES WITH SUCH STATISTICS. COMPANY THEREFORE BELIEVES IT MUST DISCONTINUE SENDING US MONTHLY REPORTS. OFFICIAL SUGGESTED THAT GULF OIL COMPANY MAY BE WILLING PROVIDE THIS INFO AND AS TEMPORARY INTERIM MEASURE KOC KUWAIT OFFICE WILL PROVIDE STATISTICS INFORMALLY AND WITHOUR ATTRIBUTION.

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3. THIS DEVELOPMENT FOLLOWS DECISION BY KNPC THAT IT CANNOT PROVIDE STATISTICS TO EMBASSY. WE ALSO HAVING SOME TROUBLE GETTING ROUTINE STATISTICS FROM ARABIAN OIL COMPANY. IN BOTH THESE CASES INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD PROVIDED INFORMATION HAVE DEPARTED KUWAIT IN RECENT MONTHS.

4. EMBASSY WILL HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY MEETING CERP REQUIREMENTS IF WE UNABLE HAVE REGULAR COMPANY REPORTS. OIL STATISTICS PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL GAZETTE NOT BROKEN DOWN SUFFICIENTLY FOR US TO BE ABLE PROVIDE INFO CURRENTLY REQUIRED BY WASHINGTON END-USERS BASED ON ADVICE OF SENIOR KOC AND KNPC OFFICIALS SEEMS HIGHLY UNLIKELY AT THIS JUNCTURE THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE COUNT ON CONTINUED FLOW DETAILED STATISTICAL INFO ON REGULAR BASIS FROM TRADITIONAL SOURCES AS HAS BEEN CASE UNTIL NOW.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT REQUESTED ADVISE EMBASSY RE MINIMUM STATISTICAL INFO REQUIRED FROM KUWAIT WHICH UNOBTAINABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES. THIS MAY INVOLVE QUERYING GULF OIL CO. RE INFO IT COULD PROVIDE RE KUWAIT. WE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN ANY ADVICE OTHER ADDRESSEE POSTS COULD PROVIDE REGARDING HOW THEY MAY HAVE OVERCOME SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES.
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